

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R2000-1

NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
OF FILING OF RESPONSES OF THREE WITNESSES
TO NOTICE OF INQUIRY NO. 4, AND
STATEMENT OF WITNESS AVAILABILITY
(August 21, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides notice that it is today filing the responses of three witnesses to Notice of Inquiry No. 4 Concerning Mail Processing Variability Models. The NOI was issued on August 2, 2000, and Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/124 (August 17, 2000) ultimately set today as the deadline for the filing of responses. On behalf of the Postal Service, responses are being provided by Professors Bradley and Greene, and by Dr. Bozzo.

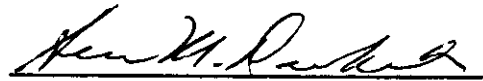
The Postal Service requests that the appearances of Prof. Greene and Dr. Bozzo on their NOI responses be scheduled to coincide with their August 31st appearances on their mail processing rebuttal testimonies. Prof. Bradley, however, is currently scheduled to appear on his transportation rebuttal testimony on August 28th, and is unavailable thereafter. The Postal Service requests that Prof. Bradley's NOI appearance also be scheduled to coincide with his rebuttal appearance, in his instance, on August 28. Given the narrowly-circumscribed scope of his response, which is limited to clarification of the record from Docket No. R97-1, the Postal Service anticipates that no party would be prejudiced by scheduling Prof. Bradley on a different date than Prof.

Greene and Dr. Bozzo. The Postal Service further notes that both UPS counsel and Dr. Neels are already likely to be in attendance for Dr. Bradley's transportation rebuttal, given that Dr. Neels is also scheduled for hearings on transportation rebuttal shortly thereafter on the 28th.

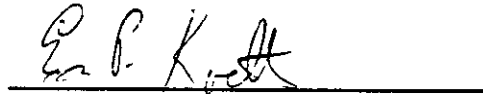
Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document, as well as the responses of the three indicated witnesses, upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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